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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

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1. RE STATE 133614, MESSAGE WAS NOT CLEARED WITH US AND
WE THINK IT A VERY BAD IDEA. AMBASSADOR TOON CONCURS WITH
THIS VIEW.

2. RE JACK SONTAG'S PARTICIPATION IN HELSINKI ASAT TALKS,
PAUL WARNKE APPRECIATES HIS AVAILABILITY BUT BELIEVES WE
SHOULD NOT ADD TO ACTUAL DELEGATION FOR THIS PRELIMINARY
SESSION SINCE WE ALREADY OUTNUMBER SOVIETS. HOWEVER, JACK
IS MOST WELCOME TO MEET WITH U.S. PARTICIPANTS DURING COURSE
OF TALKS SINCE HE WILL BE IN HELSINKI ANYWAY. PLEASE TELL
JACK THAT GARY MATTHEWS LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING HIM. GARY
WILL USE OCCASION TO FILL HIM IN ON CURRENT STATE OF PLAY
RE ONGOING CIVIL DEFENSE PRM AND OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES
HERE. AGENCIES CONCERNED VALUE EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENTS OF
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SOVIET CIVIL DEFENSE AND ARE PREPARING UPDATED GUIDANCE FOR
YOUR USE. IN THAT REGARD, CAN YOU TELL US WHEN EMBASSY'S
SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT WILL PROBABLY BE READY?

3. RE MOSCOW 11865, PARA 2, WE HAVE HAD CARTER IN MIND
FOR, AND BELIEVE WE MENTIONED POSSIBILITY TO HIM, SENIOR
CONSULAR SLOT IN KIEV. ADVANTAGE TO US WOULD BE HAVING

MOSCOW VETERAN; ADVANTAGE TO HIM WOULD BE OPPORTUNITY TO BROADEN HIS EXPERIENCE. COMMENTS, PLEASE.

4. BEGINNING MAY 30 WITH MY DEPARTURE, AND UNTIL BIL SHINN COMES ON BOARD ON OR ABOUT JUNE 20, SHERROD WILL BE ACTING DIRECTOR AND OFFICIAL INFORMALS SHOULD BE SLUGGED TO AND FROM HIM AND YOU. THE SYSTEM HERE HAS BEEN PRIMED FOR THIS CHANGE. --

5. AT MEETING OF US WORLD OCEANS COMMITTEE THIS MORNING CONSENSUS EMERGED IN FAVOR OF INTERIM EXTENSION TO CARRY AGREEMENT FORWARD, WHILE DEFERRING JCM AND FINAL RENEWAL DECISION UNTIL AFTER CONCLUSION OF NY LOS SESSION IN AUGUST/SEPTEMBER. WE WILL DO CABLE, INCLUDING BRIEF RESPONSE FROM FRANK TO SIDORENKO AND CLEAR WITH WEST WING ASAP NEXT WEEK.

6. RE EXHIBIT GUIDE MASCHIOCCHI, ICA, TELLS US THEY WILL HAVE CABLE FOR US TO CLEAR ON TUESDAY. WE HAVE DISCUSSED MATTER WITH AMBASSADOR WHO SAID MASCHIOCCHI SHOULD BE SURE TO ALWAYS BE IN COMPANY OF OTHER GUIDES.

7. ON VISA FOR BAKER, WE HAD EARLIER BEEN TOLD THAT PAST ESCORT OFFICERS HAD RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC VISAS. DOUBLE-CHECK, HOWEVER, REVEALS THAT THIS IS NOT IN FACT THE CASE AND MOST RECENT ESCORTS HAVE HAD THE SAME VISAS AS THE CONFIDENTIAL

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ESCORTED GROUP. IN THIS CIRCUMSTANCE WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT LESS THAN DIPLOMATIC VISA AND, IF BAKER HIMSELF IS WILLING, WILL TRY TO SEE THAT HE CATCHES UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

8. RE YOUR 11859, YOUR VIEWS ARE FULLY SHARED HERE AND WE EXPECT THEY WILL BE ACTED ON AT THIS END SATURDAY. OUR CABLE INSTRUCTING YOU TO MAKE DEMARCHE HAS BEEN HELD UP PENDING STUDY OF MATTER URGENTLY UNDERWAY. AT THIS POINT, YOUR LAST PARAGRAPH APPEARS TO BE A DOUBTFUL COMPONENT OF THE DEMARCHE.

9. RE SUGGESTION IN SY CABLE ABOUT CHAR FORCE AND OTHER LOCALS, YOU SHOULD TAKE IT ONLY AS SUGGESTION AND WEIGH IT AGAINST NEED TO AVOID PUBLICITY.

10. ANDREI ANDREYEVICH ARRIVED THIS EVENING. TALKS DOWN THE STREET EARLY TOMORROW MORNING, THEN LUNCH AND TALKS HERE LATER IN THE DAY.

11. FURTHER TO EXHIBIT GUIDE MATTER IN PARA 6 ABOVE, OUR VIEW, SHARED BY AMBASSADOR IS THAT LUPAN SHOULD BE

TOLD IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS TO TRAVEL AS YOU HAVE
RECOMMENDED. VANCE

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